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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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YOU SHOULD SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW!

By the Editor

It is always right to ask people to take sides, to take a plain stand, to identify themselves with the right or with the wrong. Elijah demanded that the Israelites should not halt between two opinions, but should serve either God or Baal. Joshua commanded the elders of Israel, "Choose you this

day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

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A few weeks ago all of us were reading in our newspapers about an argument that allegedly took place between Prime Minister Churchill, President Eisenhower, and the Prime Minister of France. The argument was over who was to sit in the center chair for pictures by the press. The final solution made headlines around the world. The Prime Minister of France and the Prime Minister of Great Britain insisted that the President of the United States occupy the middle, and thus, symbolically at least, the most important chair. This was an illustration of the ascendancy of the United States in world leadership during the past ten years.

It was only a few years ago that Great Britain was considered the greatest nation in the world. London was the world's capital. London was not only the political capital but also the financial capital of the entire world. All roads led to London. Her great empire stretched completely around the globe, taking in one-fifth of the world's population. The British Empire twenty years ago was the greatest empire in world history. The average Englishman was the richest and most secure man the world had ever known. His homes were the finest; his hotels the plushiest; his arts, music, and culture were envied by the entire world. However, within one generation we have seen a drastic change.

It was General DeGaulle who said just after World War II that there were only two and a half great powers in the world today. General DeGaulle considered Great Britain the half! Within a short space of time something has happened. The British lion no longer roars when its tail is stepped on. Retreat, compromise, and weakness is shown in

"Our Spiritual Debt to England"



REV. BILLY GRAHAM

many areas of British foreign policy. What is back of it? What has happened? Why is Britain no longer the great nation that once practically ruled the world?

From the early Roman days, England took her place as a leader among the nations of the world. Very few Americans are aware of the power hidden behind the movement of history that brought England to her place among the nation's leaders. Here is a little island, only 500 miles long and 150 miles wide, that has influenced the nations of the world more than any spot of land on earth. Back of Britain's mighty material, temporal, and military power was spiritual power. It was sometime in the first century of the Christian era that the Gospel reached England. By 429 A.D. thousands of people were crowding the churches at every crossroad and even in the

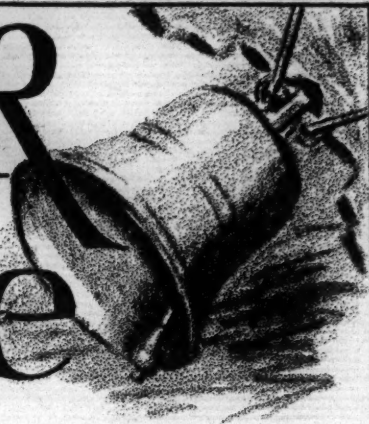
open country throughout England. It was sometime in the sixth century that the great missionary Patrick lived and labored, and although born in Britain, his labors largely were in Ireland. The message that he preached in Ireland was the message he had learned as a boy in Britain. If it were not for that early training in England, we would not celebrate Saint Patrick's Day today here in America.

England has probably been the greatest Christian nation of all history. To be sure, England was not always Christian in every generation. There were those times when England reverted to its form of paganism with Druidical worship and with sacrifice to the gods, but there was always the messenger of God to the people who claimed them once more for the faith of Jesus Christ. There was

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The HOUR is Come



By Evangelist John Linton
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"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come."—John 17:1.

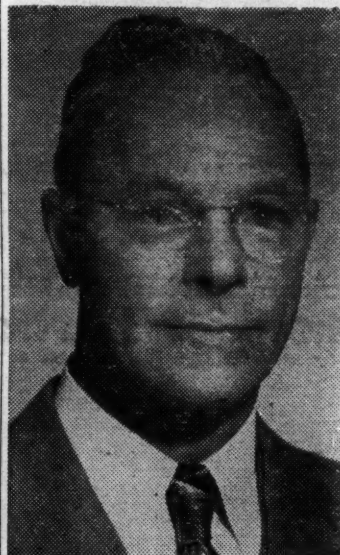
This was the crisis hour in the life of Christ, the pivotal point in the redemptive purpose of God. Jesus Christ, incarnate deity, is about to die the death of the cross. In this cross all streams of prophecy will meet, and from it will radiate all the glowing lines of history.

It was not only the hour of decision for the Son of God; it was the hour of destiny for the redeemed among men. The inhabitants of Heaven, the glorious holy angels and archangels would crowd Heaven's battlements to watch

with breathless interest this hour of decision and redemption. Millions of human beings through all eternity will praise God for what Christ did for them in this His crucial hour.

I am going to lift this text out of its setting and apply it to every unsaved soul before me. As Billy Graham insists—this is your hour of decision. There are men and women before me who ought to decide for Christ this very hour. As you listen to this message, you can do something for which you will thank God during all the millions and billions of years that lie ahead of you. Think of that! If you decide for Jesus Christ this hour you will have done something that you will never, never regret.

Among all the millions who are and have been saved there was (Continued on page 10)



Dr. John Linton

THE LOST CHORD FOUND

By F. B. Meyer

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."—Psa. 51:10-13.

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"—Psa. 85:6.

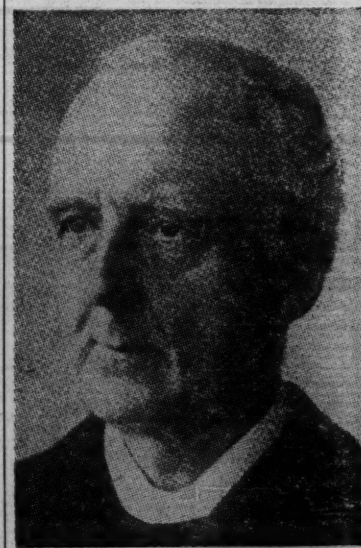
The story of the lost chord has been told in exquisite verse, and in stately music. We have all heard of the lady who in the autumn twilight, which softly filled the room, laid her fingers on the open keys of a glorious organ. She knew not what she was playing, or what she was dreaming then; but she struck one chord of music, like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the close of an angel's psalm,
And it lay on her fevered spirit
With a touch of infinite calm.

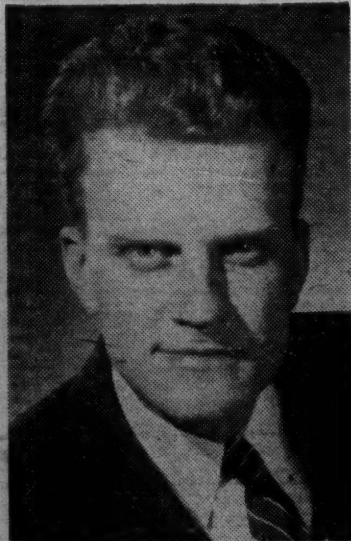
It quieted pain and sorrow,
Like love overcoming strife;
It seemed the harmonious echo:
From our discordant life.

It linked all perplexed meanings
Into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence,
As if it were loth to cease.

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F. B. Meyer



Dr. Billy Graham

For Young People . . .

Miracles of Science

By the late Arthur I. Brown, M.D.

Enthralling and Curious Facts of Nature Showing the Miraculous Scientific Evidences of God's Hand in Creation. 39 Wonderful Chapters.

CHAPTER XVII

Root Miracles



It is the business of roots to collect food materials and water from the soil, and to serve as anchors for holding the plant firmly in position. Roots are supposed to do their work underground, but there are many plants whose roots hang suspended in mid-air from the trunks of trees. Such are called aerial roots. They serve various purposes, chief among them being to absorb moisture and other useful substances from the air, and to take in water which drips from the branches above them. Thus the beautiful orchids of the tropics have aerial roots and sometimes they grow in the greenhouse. The ivy, too, has tiny aerial roots which act like tiny clutching fingers and help it to climb.

Do you know that growing corn has roots coming out from small swellings at some distance above the ground? These aerial roots then grow downward and outward into the ground, deciding to work in both ways—in air and in soil. So they serve the double purpose of bracing the stalk against the wind, and of supplying additional water from the soil. Some plants like the mistletoe have robber roots which bury themselves in other plants in order to steal the sap. Burglars! Yes, thieves in nature's garden.

All roots have their beginning in a seed. Suppose we examine a bean. We soak it to loosen the shiny covering and see how easily the hard part separates into two portions having two very small points. One of these will grow down into the ground, forming the root of the plant; the other will stretch up into the sunlight to form stem and leaves.

Cutting across a mature root we discover three distinct parts: the brown outer bark, the pale corky layer within this covering, and in the center the woody cylinder with ducts and vessels through which air and water travel. Near the tip we see two other distinguished features—the root hairs, and the root cap.

These root hairs are closed at the ends, are of countless numbers, and perform one of the most important works of the plant. As many as 480 root hairs have been counted on a small section of a corn rootlet, only one one-hun-

dredth of an inch in length, grown in a very damp place.

The fibrous roots thrust their firm little points into the soil, drawing up water, potash, iron, and many other elements through their thin cell walls. Many of these delicacies are washed from the rocks and soil particles by means of a weak acid secreted by the hairs themselves. These chemical elements are mixed with the soil-water and passed on through the many ducts and passages to the stem itself, and thence upward to the chemical laboratory in the leaves.

The little root-caps are hard and close-fitting. There is no life in the outer portion but the inner part has active growing cells which renew the cap as it wears out. The root-cap is constantly being renewed and pushed ahead to open a channel through the soil. Here is nature's diamond drill penetrating deep under ground. It never needs to be taken out or repaired; carries its own repair shop; recaps itself daily without shutting off the power for a moment. I think that is very interesting and wonderful.

As we have seen, roots go down into the ground much further than might be imagined. Winter wheat digs itself some seven feet into the earth. The roots of an oat plant, if cut off and strung from end to end, will measure about 150 feet. Oak trees have roots which extend out more than fifty feet from the tree.

Some plants, like the parsnip, beet, turnip, and carrot, store a great amount of nourishment in their roots. They are what are known as biennial plants—that is, they take two seasons to make seed. The first summer is given entirely to storing up plant food in the roots. In the second summer, if the root is planted, a stem shoots up quickly from the top of the root. It feeds upon the stored food and grows very rapidly, sending up a wealth of blossoms, which presently become veritable miracles of promise.

Many plants are grown directly from roots or root cuttings. A sweet potato or a dahlia root, if planted in damp sand, will quickly send up growing sprouts which spring from buds in the roots.

Each sprout, if broken off and properly set out, will develop into a new plant.

Stems are most interesting things. They form the framework or body of the plant, and are of various shapes and sizes. In tropical forests where the shade is very dense, there are found many climbing plants, which run like great cables for hundreds of feet to reach the sunlight. All our early flowering plants like the snowdrop, the crocus, and the tulip, have richly stored underground stems.

In the desert regions there are many different kinds of cacti whose flattened stems serve for foliage. The thread-like leaves of the asparagus are really not leaves at all, but tiny branches or stems, which do the regular work of leaves.

Stems of all kinds, short, long, large and small, have a definite job to perform. The precious soil-water with the various minerals, and all the nitrogen compounds used by the plant, must enter through the "doors" in the roots. Then it passes from roots to leaves which complete the chemical transformation into sugars and starches found in all the fruits and vegetables so much enjoyed by us. But how little thought we give to this miracle!

We have thought of the rising of the water or sap straight up through these tiny, hair-like tubes, moving slowly to the very top. These tubes are not joined together like water-pipes in a house. They are a series or chain of wood cells, like little oblong boxes piled end on end. A thin wall separates each cell from its neighbor, making the situation more wonderful from the standpoint of the onlooker. How does the sap ever get through, if there is no continuous and unbroken tube through which it can pass?

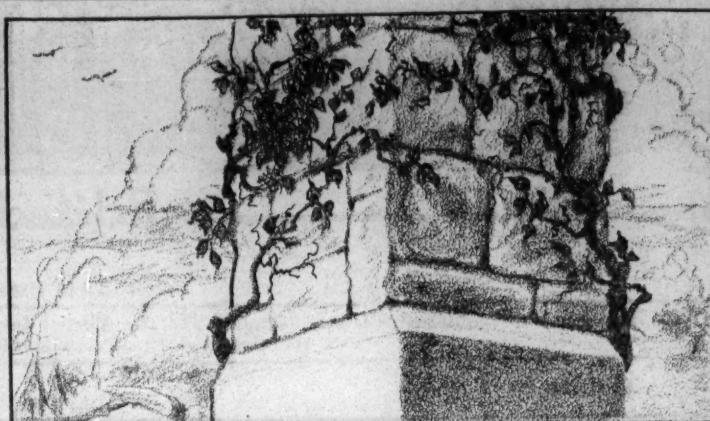
And do you know how sap gets from the ground to the topmost leaf on the tallest tree in the land? Well, this seems to be the explanation. The cell sap in the root hair is denser than the soil-water, so by a natural law which governs fluids, the soil-water seeps through the thin cell-wall and mingles with the sap in the root-hair. This extra amount of fluid naturally distends the tiny cell-chamber until it can hold no more. The sap fluid in this cell, now mixed with the dilute soil-water, is much thinner than the sap in the next or adjoining cell above. Following the same rule of attraction, the sap is drawn up into the denser cell, and so on and on, until it has mounted to the very topmost twig. Science is not certain as to the explanation of this mystery, but what I have given you seems the correct solution at the moment.

I must confess that this staggers me when I think of it. No one understands the process. It is beyond human skill to grasp its operation. Who but God could devise this plan?

Food comes down through the stem in one channel. Inside this is another channel which carries the liquid from the root up to the top. In addition to these uses, the stem provides storage for starch and sugar, needed in early spring time for the nourishment of flower buds and young leaves. Think of a sago palm yielding as much as 800 pounds of starchy material in a single trunk! Similar storehouses are found in the sweet potato, the dahlia and the gladiolus.

The thing that strikes us forcibly about all this is the immense care God has devoted to every detail, the small as well as the large. His work is perfect and complete. His plan for each plant is divine and mysterious, and under suitable conditions each plant will fulfill its destiny as the Creator ordered.

And here is a lesson for us. God has created us, not simply to satisfy a passing caprice. There is a plan for every life—God's plan. Unless we are careful to find this plan and put it into operation, we shall surely make shipwreck of our lives. Most people, obviously, are not interested in seeking to discover what God would have



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them be and do. In fact, it is the small minority, apparently, that is concerned even in God's existence. Mankind, with the bit in its teeth, drives madly to destruction, heedless of warnings from earth and heaven as to the dire results of disregarding God's plan for the world and for the individual.

This plan of God, whenever it has been tried, always works. No person who has found and carried out God's will has ever regretted it. Countless individuals come on the world's stage, live their brief span, and die like animals, without ever trying to get in vital contact with the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. And yet God has given us His Guide-Book in which He has laid down clearly and in considerable detail rules for every life.

These rules are clear-cut and understandable. They involve a recognition of God and Jesus Christ. This acknowledgment is not simply a mental assent to the fact that God and Christ exist. The Devil does that much and he is condemned.

In order to give God's plan a chance to work in my life, I must realize that I am a lost sinner, and that goes for every other man and woman. Being "lost" I am under sentence of death. This involves eternal and conscious punishment,

and banishment from God's presence. That is a dreadful penalty but it is what God pronounces and I must believe it. God cannot lie. I admit I do not want to suffer this death penalty, if it can be avoided. And this is where God's plan fits right into my life. He tells me that He has accepted a Substitute for me. One who died in my place. That is easy to understand, and if true, changes the whole situation from one of utter hopelessness to one of glorious promise. Yes, Jesus Christ died, but there is just one thing I must do. I must come into personal contact with Him, and accept Him as my Saviour, making Him ruler of my life. Immediately, God tells me, I am free and now have become a child of God, one of His heirs, a joint-heir with Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Does this plan work? It worked for me, my friend, and it has worked for millions of others, and we are not fooling ourselves. Don't you think it is at least worth a trial? I do, and I am asking you now to test it. Get alone with God, and then "get right with God." It means eternal life here and now. Will you try it?

(This book is now out of print, and the Sword of the Lord Publishers' supply is exhausted. We are sorry that no more orders for it can be filled.)

Medical Missionary in Nigeria, British West Africa, Tells of Appreciation of THE SWORD

The editor would like to share with the readers a letter from Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Weber, medical missionaries in Nigeria. They tell of blessings received through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and of God's blessing upon them in soul winning. Such letters warm our hearts.

"Dear Sir:

"We are acknowledging the wonderful service you are giving to our missionaries at the front, and we do appreciate the years it has been our lot to receive such an inspiring magazine and the uplift it gives us when we have a few moments of quiet at our desk and in our home. It might be of interest for you to know just recently Mrs. Weber had a unique service with 80 women all with the dread disease of leprosy, when in one meeting more than 60 stood to take Christ as their personal Saviour and since then have gone still forward and are growing in grace and knowledge of Him. So your splendid magazine has fallen on good soil and hearts. Thank you with our full hearts and lives. I have as a Medical Doctor been above 50 years in Africa, and won souls all along the way with Him, and still they come.

"We are praying for you and your service for Him. God bless you in it all, for it helps to hold us close to Him whose we are.

"Yours in Christ,"

(Signed) Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Weber

More than 3,000 foreign missionaries get THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It brings comfort, stimulation, encouragement. It sets revival fires burning in many hearts across the sea where devoted men and women of God are doing their best for Christ. What a little it is we do when we send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to missionaries. How little it costs, but how much comfort and good it may do! I hope that thousands of readers will send some gift to the Minister and Missionary Subscription

Fund, and help us to reach missionaries, native workers, retired preachers in this country and others who might not conveniently subscribe for themselves. We continually hear of many who need THE SWORD and ought to have it, and to whom we would like to send it through our Minister and Missionary Subscription Fund.

Will you let us hear from you? Write THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois.

"Patient in Tribulation"

Some time ago I met with a certain young brother who had been made to suffer through the Down-Grade controversy. (Spurgeon's fight against modernism—editor). He wrote to me of his sore trials. I sympathized with him; but I reminded him that he was not alone in them. When Montezuma was being roasted alive by the Spaniards, one of his nobles, who was being tortured with him, cried out in his agonies. The king bade him be quiet, adding, "Dost thou think that I am on a bed of roses?" No, my friend, you are by no means alone. Tribulation is no strange thing to the favourites of heaven. Is it, therefore, impossible to rest? By no means. Does not our Lord say, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The holy children enjoy their greatest peace in the seven times heated furnace. Our greatest joys swim on the crests of the huge billows of trouble. Through much tribulation we come to the kings and even in the midst of that much tribulation, we glory, since we enter into rest.—C. H. Spurgeon.



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How To Choose A Christian School

By Rev. Walter E. Handford, Vice-President
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Thousands of Christian young people today face one of the most important decisions of their lives—to which school shall I go? Much is at stake! The whole future of these young folks depends on making a wise choice about this matter. I urge all parents and young people who are faced with this problem to read carefully this article and see if you cannot find some real help for this important decision of life.

In general I urge all Christian young people to get the very best education you can possibly get. I know you're "chomping at the bits" to get out into the world and make a place for yourself. However, the proper preparation here may mean the difference between real success and just a mediocre life for the Saviour. If you plan and study well, the time you spend in preparation will more than repay you in later years. How tragic is the case of a young person whose urge to make money draws him away from further education and permanently stunts his life. We could name some successful men who have not had much formal education, but they are in the minority. Most men who have really made a success of their lives have paid a price and spent the time to get equipped for the job. God does not reward ignorance if it is due to neglected opportunity.

But someone says, "Don't you think, with the Lord's coming so close, I ought not to waste the time getting an education? Don't you think I should go out now and do my best to preach and win souls for Christ?" No, I don't think that you ought necessarily to go out without becoming trained for the

job God has called you to do. I believe that a pretty safe rule to follow is: Live as if Jesus were coming today (as He may), but train as if He were not coming for a hundred years, (which may be true). God deserves the very best in training and character for His service.



W. E. Handford

God's Plan for Your Life

After a person has trusted the Lord Jesus, the next important decision he must face is, "What will the Lord have me to do?" God has saved you for a purpose. He owns your life, your future, your talents—everything about you. Not only does God have a blueprint for your life, but God also wants to show you that blueprint more than anything in the world. He may not show it to you all at once but, one step at a time, God will reveal His perfect plan for your life.

In my own experience, I remember going to my pastor and asking him where he thought I ought to go to school. He told me that, first of all, I would have to find out from the Lord what He wanted me to do before he could give me much advice about where to go to school. How well I remember that afternoon. As the sun slowly sank in the west and the light faded away in the room, my pastor and I talked and prayed together about this important decision. I went home that night and earnestly sought of the Lord His plan for my life. He showed me clearly that He wanted me to go into His service and gave me a Scripture verse, Isaiah 6:8, to back up this call. When I went back to my pastor, he was then able to give me good advice about where I should attend school.

But possibly you say, "I don't know yet what God wants me to do—what then?" Well, I believe it might well be that you should go to a good Bible institute or a strong Christian liberal arts college, and there, under the guidance of godly faculty members and counsellors, find God's will for your life.

If God has shown you very plainly what He wants you to do, I would suggest that you choose a school that will best fit you for that job. Some schools specialize in speech, music, science, or a pre-medical course. Write to many of the Christian schools and ask them for catalogues. They will be glad to tell you the subjects in which they specialize. You can tell from the catalogue of a school those departments that seem to have the best and largest number of courses offered. You can check the faculty members. It may be that some faculty member, well-known in Christian circles, is teaching a certain subject and has made a strong department in one of the schools. You will find a number of Christian schools that have ads from time to time in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Some of these ads appear in this issue. I would suggest that you write to these schools and ask for a catalogue. They will be glad to send one to you. You should get as much information as possible about many of the Christian schools before making your decision as to the school that God has for you.

Doctrinal Background

Don't even consider going to a modernistic school! You can't play with fire and not get singed. I don't care how good an academic standing a modernistic school has, you will be the loser if you go and allow your training to be warped. What a tragedy when fellows and girls coming from fine, strong

Christian homes go to schools where the deity of Christ, His miracles, and the inspiration of the Bible are explained away. The trouble is that men whom you admire for their intellect may be spiritually bankrupt. You cannot sit under the teaching of a modernist and leave with your faith unscathed. There comes a subtle tearing down of the faith you now hold precious. Do not let a modernistic teacher ruin your future! Go even to a state university rather than go to a religious school that is not definitely fundamental in doctrine and fervent in spirit.

Unfortunately many of the denominational schools have let go the sheet anchor of the inspiration of the Bible and many other important doctrines. There are some fine denominational schools, but unfortunately the majority of the denominational schools have "sold out" on doctrine. But you say, "Mother and Dad went to such and such a school, and I think that I'll go there too." Well, before you go you had better check and make sure that the school is holding true to the fundamentals of the faith, has a warm spiritual atmosphere that will encourage your faith and help you to be the kind of soul-winning Christian you want to be when you finish school. Make sure the school hasn't changed somewhere along the line.

What a tragedy to visit many of the denominational schools and find that the Bible is torn apart and the seeds of modernism are subtly sown in the hearts and lives of young people entrusted to their care and whose education is subsidized by denominational funds. The spiritual death-knell of many a potential Christian leader has been tolled at some school outwardly religious but corrupted inwardly with the doctrinal defects of modernism. I remember a young fellow who was in school with me. He had been to Bible school, finished at a sound Christian college, and then went on to a denominational seminary. Even with all the solid teaching and training that seven years in real Christian schools had given, a modernistic seminary soon robbed him of his faith, destroyed his will to preach, and almost put him out of the ministry. Don't let a modernistic school put a spiritual tombstone early in your life.

I would not suggest that you choose a school of a different doctrinal persuasion than your own. There are some matters of doctrine, such as the security of the believer and like matters, about which schools differ. If you believe in eternal security but go to a school that teaches that a believer can be lost again, or vice versa, you will spend too much time quibbling and arguing and end up completely confused. You will spend hours looking for what not to learn and have little time left for really getting the education that you want and need. How much better to choose a school which you know, on the main matters of doctrine, completely in accord with your own beliefs. Then you can learn safely and well from that school's faculty.

Judging the Standards of A School

When you have received the catalogues of various schools in which you're interested, check them over very carefully for the spiritual and academic standards. It is not too difficult to learn from a catalogue whether the spiritual standards of the school are those spiritual standards which you want to have. Choose a school with high spiritual standards. Your attitudes of a lifetime will become set while you are in school and much is at stake. Don't go to a school attempting to reform it—you can't! It would be wrong for you to go to a school, sign the pledge to uphold the spiritual standards of the school, and then deliberately disobey them because they did not fit your own particular beliefs about the separated Christian life. When you go to a school knowing its standards, it is not your place to challenge them. No matter how high the standards of the school you attend, it is likely your own personal standards should be higher. Certainly while you are there it is your obligation to uphold the school standards faithfully.

Another matter that you can find out from the catalogue or

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Billy Graham In London

London Alerted for Opening Meeting of Billy Graham Crusade on March 1: "Cottage Prayer Meetings" In All Areas of City

A spirit of expectancy marks the eve of the Billy Graham Greater London Crusade scheduled to begin on Monday evening, March 1, in the 11,800 seat Harringay Arena. All of the advance preparations have been completed on a scale that compares to the vastness of the world's largest metropolis. With approximately 1,000 London ministers already actively cooperating, others in recent days have been pledging their support and participation as the plans and purposes for the Crusade have been clearly explained.

To prepare for the important task of counselling the individuals who will make their decisions for Christ, classes have been held in 9 different areas of London each week-night for the past seven weeks. More than 2,500 counsellor-trainees have attended the classes regularly each week.

Most enthusiastic response has been given to the program of "cottage prayer meetings," a regular feature of preparation for the Billy Graham crusades in America, but something of an innovation in England. Nearly 5,000 such prayer groups, meeting in homes throughout the Greater London area, have been organized, and are keeping in close touch with the headquarters office through a unique system of correspondence and a very detailed division of leadership.

Everywhere in the city—the billboards, bus sides and signs in the subways announce the Crusade with the most aggressive program of evangelistic advertising ever attempted in London. Carrying the details of organization to the thousands of supporters is a special newspaper called "London Crusade News" with a circulation of 150,000 copies for each monthly issue. In addition, from the Religious Press of England more than a score of evangelical publications have devoted great space to the Crusade, more than one publication giving its entire front page for the past few weeks, with additional full-length articles inside.

The members of the Billy Graham Team already in London for advance preparation have taken speaking engagements nearly every afternoon and evening in the week, and a recent arrival, Redd Harper, has augmented the staff which has been showing the film "Oil Town U. S. A." Total audiences numbering in the hundreds of thousands have already seen the film, with three and four showings arranged for every day prior to the start of the Crusade.

To welcome Evangelist Graham to London, members of both Houses of Parliament have arranged a dinner in the main Parliament dining room, with representative leaders of government and civic life assembled for the affair. In other attempts to introduce Billy Graham to England, the BBC has worked out details for both broadcasts and telecasts during the opening days of the Crusade. Secular newspapers in London, some of whose circulations run to several millions, have already begun to print feature articles concerning the Crusade.

In recent weeks British Railroads have announced special reduced rates for trains running into the Harringay Station from all parts of England around London. London bus companies have reported an unprecedented demand for chartered busses with reservations numbering into the thousands already on hand for many of the nights.

Backing up the entire effort is the almost unprecedented prayer support for the Crusade. More than 18,000 active "prayer partners" have been enrolled and are on a regular mailing list from the London headquarters. Letters from supporters all over the world bring pledges of prayer almost daily. In Germany, on the edge of the Eastern zone and in the very shadow of the iron curtain, a letter written in German told of nine people who gathered early every morning to pray; in Paris, students from 16 different countries in the European Bible Institute meet each morning at 5:30 for prayer; in America 500 students at Columbia Bible College have organized "round the clock" prayer meetings for the Crusade. These instances are typical of many hundreds on file in the Headquarters office.

No closing date has been set for the Crusade, but the Arena is available until June 1, after which outdoor stadia could be utilized.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON of 216 South 29th Street, Belleville, Illinois, has invited Ray Orhood, soloist, and Don Beldin, musician, to join him in a Gospel team. God gave them 67 people claiming Christ as Saviour in one-night meetings recently in Pennsylvania. The team is available for week-end meetings, Youth for Christ rallies, as well as for revivals. They have some time open in March; they will be in Kansas.

Fourteen persons came to Christ in a return engagement by **EVANGELIST FRANK HARPELL** at Rote E. U. B. Church, Lock Haven Mission Charge, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, in January. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Freas, and the people heartily commend the evangelist and his wife, Rev. Harpell's

address is 47 Pinevale Avenue, Reading, Massachusetts.

Pastor Russell Hubler of Christ Independent Church, Mowry, Pennsylvania, writes that there were 27 first-time conversions in a recent two-week campaign with Evangelist Harpell.

EVANGELIST HOMER BRITTON of 500 Portview Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee, concluded a two week's evangelistic crusade February 7 at First Baptist Church, Wasco, California. Steve Taylor had charge of the music, which included a 60-voice choir. The pastor, Rev. Harold E. Thomas, reports 84 responded to the invitation for salvation and for rededication of life, and that 48 united with the church.



Joe Lewis and Billy Graham (See News Notes)

during which time he has been learning the various activities of the plant and doing extensive research in the publishing area.

Radio station KTIS and KTIS-FM, celebrated its fifth anniversary February 7th. KTIS was put on the air after the Northwestern Schools student body raised \$41,000 over a 36 week period to finance the purchase of equipment and tower. The idea for the station was conceived by the late Dr. W. B. Riley and Mr. Loren Bridges, its present manager, in 1938. KTIS was on the air eleven years later.

Northwestern Schools purchased a second radio station at Waterloo, Iowa, a year ago. The call letters were changed from KBOK to KNWS. The Waterloo, Iowa, station, also a 1000-watt station, operates much the same as KTIS. KTIS blankets Minnesota while KNWS covers Iowa. Both stations have a strong listening audience in Canada and the six neighboring states. The two stations are connected with a direct wire most of the time.

Evangelistic Report On Eddie Martin's Last Four Campaigns:

The second campaign in two years in *Hinton, W. Va.* resulted in another season of revival experiences. The Gospel was carried to all the youth of the county, to the men in the railroad shops, and over the radio. On several nights two services had to be held in two different buildings to accommodate the crowds. There were over 200 salvation decisions.

Central Park Baptist, Birmingham, Alabama, had 132 additions to the church, over 70 for baptism. The new auditorium there seats 2200. It was filled four times during the revival. Wayne Dehoney wrote in his letter of recommendation, "Eddie Martin is the greatest church evangelist in America today."

In December the city of Russellville, Arkansas, experienced its first revival in many, many years. The meeting was sponsored by the Baptist churches of the Association. Crowds of 1200 met at the high school gymnasium. It was a very difficult area. The evangelist found it most difficult to reach the lost. The records showed some 122 "saved" in two weeks. Over 6000 youth were reached inside the schools during special assembly programs.

The team has just finished its first church campaign of the 1954 season. East Grand Baptist, Dallas, Texas, had 86 additions, over 60 of this number have already been baptized. Brother Martin had the thrill of winning five men to the Lord the first week of the meeting; these men were all over 50 years old. And, the amazing thing was that they were won on five consecutive contacts. All have already joined the church there.

The evangelist has booked 13 campaigns this year. Six of them are city-wide, united efforts in Dyersburg, Tenn.; Paris, Texas; Greenville, N. C.; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Meridian, Miss.; and Lexington, Ky.

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan. The Zondervan Publishing House has announced that a total of 96 books and booklets were issued during the year 1953. Of this total 65 were cloth bound books and the remainder paper bound booklets. This is a new publishing record for the House.

The Moody Chorale, and their director, Donald Hustad, will be making a five week tour of the British Isles this summer. This will be the first overseas trip for the student choral group from Chicago's Moody Bible Institute which has sung all over the United States and Canada.

Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute, will be going to Great Britain at the same time to speak at the Deeper Life Conference at the English Keswick and in churches and other conferences.

The President and Chorale will visit such well known spots as Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast and London and other places visited by D. L. Moody. They also plan to visit several American army and air force bases in Britain.

The eager students who are making the trip will be paying the larger part of their own expenses. The Chorale will leave Chicago on June 12, sing its way through the Eastern States to Montreal, from where they will sail on June 24, arriving in Britain on July 3.

The phone rang in Billy Graham's hotel room in Detroit. On the other end of the line was Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champ. Would Billy, he asked, go with him to visit his mother who was in the hospital.

Billy would. A short while later they were in a Detroit hospital at

the bedside of the seriously sick Mrs. Brooks, Joe's mother. Detroit papers carried a picture of the three in prayer.

Later, Joe attended two of the meetings in the 10,000 seat tabernacle, sitting on the platform at the October 10 meeting. Billy recognized him and told of his being there. Later they talked in one of the two trailers alongside the tabernacle where Billy rested before and after the meetings.

A few weeks after the campaign was over, Louis' mother died. Joe sent Billy a telegram carrying that information. Later, when Billy was sick with the flu for a few days, Louis wired him, "Sorry to hear you are sick. Am praying for your recovery. In Christ. Joe Louis."

The Monroe Company, Colfax, Iowa, makers of banquet tables, folding chairs, and Monroe trucks for folding tables and chairs, now offers free a new 32-page illustrated catalog to churches, schools, etc. Pastors and committees will do well to write for it. Quick attention if you say, "Send the free catalog mentioned in THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

Evangelist Jack Wyrzten of Word of Life Fellowship, Inc., announces the new musical film, "Wee Bit of Heaven," showing Word of Life Camp at Schroon Lake, New York, with sports, music and a Gospel message.

Jack Wyrzten will be speaking six Sunday afternoons at famous Park Street Church, Boston, at 3:00 p.m., beginning March 7. Similarly six consecutive youth rallies will be held in Philadelphia at the ballroom of the Broadwood Hotel, March 5 through April 9.

The Word of Life Fellowship

"Be Saved?" has gone through three editions totalling around 650,000 copies and all this with the approval of the government censor! Evangelical books have been printed and sold by various denominations and many are yet planned for publication without any restrictions by the Portuguese government.

"Of course, the Catholic Church editorializes against Protestant advance, but as yet there are no marked government restrictions on evangelical activity or publications... as one may find in other Roman Catholic countries.

"I trust this information may encourage you to pray with us that the Holy Spirit may have freedom in the hearts of the believers of this country that disciples of Jesus Christ may be made in the many towns and villages that have not yet heard the good news of redemption through Jesus Christ.

"Sincerely, in Christ's love," (Signed) C. Luke Boughter, Jr.

will have this summer a new adult and family conference grounds, Word of Life Manor, also at Schroon Lake. For the youth and adult camps combined, 10,000 guests are expected this summer. Dr. Charles J. Woodbridge of Fuller Theological Seminary will be summer Bible teacher at both camps. Gil Doods is athletic director.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Lloyd Knox, new publisher and general manager of the Free Methodist Publishing house in Winona Lake, Ind., took over his duties Feb. 1.

B. H. Gaddis, who has served in this capacity for 20 years, will continue as publisher emeritus until his full retirement. During this period he has consented to prepare some special materials and do public relations work for the house.

For the past six months, Knox has served as assistant to Gaddis



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The Gospel In Portugal

Missionary C. Luke Boughter, Jr. of the Evangelical Alliance Mission in Portugal writes an informative letter about the work in Portugal which we are glad to print. Please note the correction—that Portugal does not have the same restrictions on publishing of Gospel literature which Spain has. Although there is a government censor, about 650,000 copies of the editor's booklet have been printed and spread, praise the Lord! Now read Brother Boughter's letter:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I just noticed in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, January 8, the following statement in the column entitled 'Behind the Purple Curtain':

"...especially in Roman Catholic countries—Italy, Portugal, and Spain, where the in-

quisition has been re-established and where it is not permitted to print evangelical literature."

"This statement, quoted from the letter of Mr. Borkent, may possibly give an impression to some that conditions in Portugal are similar to Spain where there is little religious liberty. Such is not the case, for there is ample opportunity in Portugal for Christian activity according to the New Testament. In reading through some accounts of the Inquisition in Europe, one could hardly say that it has been re-established in progressive Portugal.

"Also, there does not appear to be any law prohibiting the publishing, sale, or distribution of evangelical literature in Portugal. Your tract, 'What Must I Do to

Missionary to Portugal Writes

We are glad to have a lovely letter from Missionary Manuel S. Matthews of Lisbon, Portugal. He writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"The other day I was visiting a missionary friend and he gave me a few back issues of THE SWORD OF THE LORD for which I was very grateful. It is a wonderful paper containing the best sermons in print that I know of. Your paper, as well as some of your booklets that I have read, has been a great blessing to me...

"In these papers that I just received I see you have two new books, *The Power of Pentecost*, and *What Is Costs to Be a Good Christian*. *Power of Pentecost* especially intrigued me. I feel the need of this power. God is blessing our work but I know I lack this power and I keep pleading for it. Will you please pray that I may receive it for the sake of souls here.

"I have given out thousands of your booklets, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* in Portuguese here. I'm sure that you will be interested to know that your booklet led the way to the salvation of our new language teacher. My wife began her lessons a week before I did and she gave the teacher your booklet. The following week when I began with my lesson, I led her to the Lord on the first try. She had been prepared by the booklet. She told me how it helped her. The following week I went to her home and led her husband, mother, and son to the Lord.

"Dr. Rice, I don't know if it is possible for you to give me a copy of your book, *Power of Pentecost*. If so, I would be very happy to get one, for I'm sure it would help me. But if it is not possible, that's all right. Is it possible for a missionary such as I to get your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD? May I thank you now for all the help that you have been to me.

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(Signed) Manuel S. Matthews

You notice that the good missionary says, "Is it possible for a missionary such as I to get your paper?" We are sending it to him for one year through our Missionary and Minister Subscription Fund. We are also sending the book, *Power of Pentecost*, trusting the dear Lord to supply the need. Who would like the privilege of taking care of this subscription and this book for the missionary?

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Why Promotion In "Sword"?

A good pastor writes in most kindly words telling how he has been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, how he has used the book on *Prayer* as a basis for a series of Bible messages, how he has just used the sermon, "Form Without Power," as a basis for a sermon in his own church.

However, he had the following criticism about promotion in THE SWORD OF THE LORD:

"... There is one feature of THE SWORD OF THE LORD that just rubs me (and I gather, several others) the wrong way, and that is the constant promotion that streams before our eyes week by week. Then in this week's issue, along with the two fine messages above, I find a sermon, no less on why we should get subscriptions to THE SWORD. I realize that a certain amount of promotion is necessary; in fact, I worked for the circulation department of a newspaper for some six years; yet I cannot help but believe that the witness of THE SWORD would be improved if the promotion were trimmed down somewhat. What I am referring to is this: I have subscribed for four lost men here on our church field, and one reaction I got recently went something like as follows: 'I don't know who subscribed to this paper for me, but I wish they hadn't! It is just like going to church; they are always harping about money!' He did say that he enjoys the sermons, especially the ones by you and by John Linton. In addition to always wanting subscribers, there is the plea for contributions to the Sword Building Fund, and well, frankly, it just doesn't set well."

The Editor's Answer

January 28, 1954

Dear Brother A:

I am glad to have your letter, glad the sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD have been a blessing. And I should like to take a moment to suggest why promotion is necessary and right.

There is a Bible principle which makes promotion necessary. One pastor wrote me that he did not like the announcements in THE SWORD. But I suggested that if he would make no more announcements from the pulpit and get out no more church bulletins, then I would see the point. That seemed to convince him.

People think that the way to have revivals is principally to preach. Actually, it is just as im-

portant to get people to preach to. Advertising, visitation, organization, and all such things are a part of evangelism.

Your letter indicates that you think that if THE SWORD OF THE LORD is good enough, it will prosper whether anybody does right about pushing it or not. But that is not true. You say, "In the Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, we preach that if people love the Lord, they will support His work." But in the same paragraph you say that the budget is not being reached. There must be a flaw in your reasoning. Actually, the fact that people are saved is no guarantee they will support the Lord's work unless they are taught to support it, taught how and why. People who are saved will not tithe unless they are taught to tithe. That is one reason why God has preachers—to teach His people to do right.

Paul did not agree with this idea of yours—that if people are saved, they will support the work without any promotion. So in First and Second Corinthians, he spends a lot of space in the sacred Word of God teaching people to give and talking about giving. If that was right in the Bible, then it is right in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

God could have planned it so the Lord's work would go along without any collections, but God didn't plan it that way, and anybody else who plans it that way will go against the Bible. God could have planned it so Christians did not need any teaching, any exhortation in order to do right, but that is not God's plan.

The more we build up the circulation of THE SWORD, the more good we do with it.

You say that one man for whom you subscribed did not like the paper. He said, "It is just like going to church; they are always harping about money!" Now here is a lost man who hates the church, says the church is always harping about money, and yet you would be willing to take his opinion as to how we should run THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

I am accustomed to slander by lost people, but I am not impressed by it. Lost people insist that we are not to preach against sin, that we are not to preach salvation by grace, that we are not to preach against the unholy oaths of the lodges. They criticize me for preaching on the virgin birth and almost every essential of the

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from friends who have attended the schools you are examining, is that of the academic standards. Some Christian schools will have certificates of accreditation from some agency which examines the academic standing of the school and passes on their fitness. On the other hand, there are many fine schools that are not thus accredited, whose graduates are accepted freely at state graduate schools and other large institutions.

Perhaps a better basis than accreditation for judging the merits of a school would be the products of the school—that is, the students who are graduating. Sometimes a godly teacher or president of a school without accreditation can give you more character than a thousand college degrees. The integration of Christian principles into college courses is not something that an accrediting agency can well judge. Some schools have

deliberately not sought accreditation, feeling that to do so would mean some genuine restriction on the training program for the Lord which they would be able to give the students if unhampered by an accrediting body.

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Sometimes a Christian young person is faced with the problem of deciding whether to attend a Christian school close to home or going further away for training. Sometimes if a student lives at home and commutes to a school close by, he does not get into the activities of the school and thereby misses out on some of the regular activities of the school which have value for the student. At the same time it would be only fair to say that you might be able to afford a better education if you live at home and took training close by than if you had to pay

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Don't Blame My Hands

Thomas K. Beecher despised deceit in any form. Finding that a clock in his church was habitually too fast or too slow, he hung a placard on the wall above it, reading in large letters: "Don't blame my hands—the trouble lies deeper."

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Christian faith. I am going to have to do right and press the Gospel even if it does offend people.

I see no more reason why we should not announce an offering in THE SWORD OF THE LORD than why your church should not have an offering. I see no more reason why it is wrong to invite others to get subscriptions than it is wrong to invite Christians to bring others to church. They get exactly the same Gospel in THE SWORD as they get at church.

Now I appreciate your good letter and I am glad to explain why we have promotion in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and why, though it doesn't set well with ungodly people, we must go on being true to Christ and trying to reach every creature possible.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

Blessed Assurance

It is the right and the privilege of the genuine child of God to possess the assurance of Christ's perfect love and perpetual protection. Old Latimer used to say that when he had this steadfast trust in his Master he could face a lion; when he lost it, he was ready to run into a mouse hole. Why should a redeemed follower of Christ ever worry himself sick with wretched doubts and insulting fears? If I have put my everlasting all in Christ's hands, He is responsible for the trust—as long as I leave it with Him. If I check my trunk to Philadelphia, it belongs to the baggage master until I get there. Surely I ought to have as strong a faith that my immortal

blood-bought soul is forever safe in the keeping of the omnipotent Son of God. His Spirit beareth witness with my spirit; and I am persuaded that neither death nor life, principalities nor powers, things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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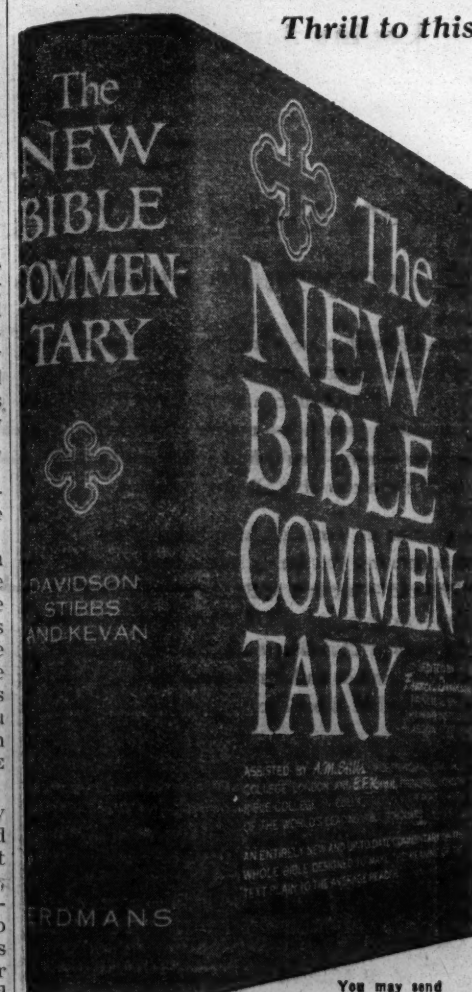
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During the past 500 years England has contributed more spiritually to the world than any other nation. It was in England that the Reformation actually began under the leadership of John Wycliffe in the fourteenth century. It was John Wycliffe who gave the Bible to the people. He rebelled against the ready-made dogmas of an established church and rejected all those teachings that could not bear the test of the Scriptures. It was John Wycliffe who mightily influenced John Huss of Bohemia, who in turn started a chain of thought and reaction that eventually influenced Martin Luther.

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Very few Americans realize that it was largely British missionaries and British money that worked in the early days of the American colonies. It was British money that supported Christian work in this country for over a hundred years.

The foundations that lie so secure for many of our denominations today were supported largely from the mother country. America owes a debt of gratitude to Great Britain that we will never be able to pay. Britain has been our closest ally in war and in peace. It is also from Britain that we get our language—the English language. The great Presbyterian denominations of America owe their beginnings to Britain. The great Baptist denominations across America owe their modern beginnings to England. The great Methodist churches throughout the nation owe their beginnings to Britain, and scores of other denominational groups have their foundations and traditions and teachings deep in our forefathers who lived in Britain and Ireland.

But, something has happened to that England. For the first time in history England desperately needs help. We have answered their cry for material help and sent them billions of dollars to help them in their post-war economic crisis. We have joined hands with them at the peace table and given them moral encouragement. But now Britain needs our help spiritually.

Very few Americans are aware of the fact that in England today less than ten per cent of the British people are identified with any church. Less than five per cent of the British people are found in church on Sunday. I am told on the highest authority that in Lon-

don only from two to four per cent of the people attend church. One Bishop of the Church of England told me some time ago that there are places in his diocese within London where less than one-half of one per cent of the people attend church.

Materialism, secularism, and pagan philosophies have gripped the once great British people. Only a comparatively few of the churches in London are filled to capacity on Sunday. Millions of people in England today have no conception of the teachings of the Bible. Religion is completely foreign from their thinking. Because of the terrible taxation, the remaining

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Christians that are left have very little to give to the work of the church. Britain has had to pull in many of its missionaries from all over the world. Many Christian organizations have had to close their doors and curtail their activities as a result of the economic pinch.

During the past five years, British political, social, and religious leaders have come to the conclusion that the reason for Britain's rapid deterioration both at home and abroad is basically spiritual. Many people attribute her economic problems to her spiritual decline. The great spiritual forces that motivated and made Britain great have all but disappeared. The very power that gave Britain the dynamic of world leadership is ebbing away.

During the past years, in desperation the Church of England has tried one method after another to attract the masses of people back to God and back to the church. A little over two years ago the Church of England directed its Great Mission to London Campaign that proved to the British clergy that the people were no longer listening to the Gospel and that the average clergy was no longer respected. The Methodist church tried their Commando Campaign with very little success. There is little or no evangelism on television in Great Britain today.

There is little or no evangelism on radio in Britain today.

To be sure, there are thousands of Christians in England who have not bowed the knee to Baal. There are thousands of Christians in Britain that are praying and crying to God day and night for spiritual awakening and revival. There are thousands of people in Britain that are longing for the day when Britain will have a great spiritual revival that will change the course of British history.

As a result of Britain's departure from God, immorality is at an all-time high. Crime is on the increase. The divorce courts are filled, and the moral conditions are unbelievable.

The last great evangelistic campaigns that made great impacts on British life were held in 1879 by D. L. Moody and in 1905 by Dr. R. A. Torrey. These evangelistic campaigns made such tremendous impacts that the older people still sing the songs and talk with tears in their eyes of the days of Moody and Torrey. These American evangelists were criticized unmercifully in the beginning of their campaigns. The *New York Times* ran an editorial calling Moody an "uncouth representative of the United States." Many British leaders refused to cooperate with Dr. Torrey because they thought he was too cold and that he would have no appeal to the masses of Great Britain. Hundreds of the clergy were against D. L. Moody because they thought that he was too ignorant, rough and uncouth. However, these attitudes rapidly changed as these men of God presented the Gospel of Christ in all of its saving power. We are praying that God will do it again in 1954.

Two years ago when we were in Washington, a member of the British Parliament and a prebendary of Saint Paul's in London flew to Washington to present to us the needs and problems of Britain. They asked us if we could come to London and address the clergy and religious leaders of the City of London, outlining our program of evangelism and telling them what God was doing here in America.

Two years ago Cliff Barrows and I went to London. We met with 750 religious leaders of the City of London in Westminster Church House which is the headquarters of the Church of England. I spoke to them for over an hour and they asked questions for another hour. After we were through, these British leaders voted to extend to us an invitation to come to London for an evangelistic campaign in 1954. After much prayer, we accepted their invitation. During the intervening two years tremendous preparations have been under way. Thousands of prayer meetings have been organized, and on March first our campaign begins in London.

There is something thrilling and frightening about beginning an all-out campaign in the largest city of the world. Never before have I been so humbled and awed by a project. We were warned time after time by our friends not to go to England. Many said it would be our Waterloo, that it would be unsuccessful, that the time was not ripe, that this was not the thing for us to do. However, there has come an increasing conviction that God is sending us to England.

There are scores of obstacles that we face in London that we never face in the United States. There will be very little radio and television open to us. We do not know what the attitude of the press will be. We are encouraged by the fact that we have the support of the majority of the churches of the City of London. We know that thousands of Christians are praying throughout the world. Prayer meetings are being organized in Korea, Formosa, throughout Africa and South America; in Australia and New Zealand thousands are praying. The eyes of the entire Christian world are going to be on London, praying that God will send a revival to England once again.

Here in America we are calling upon you, the people of God, to pray as you have never prayed. We are asking you to organize prayer meetings throughout the nation and pray that God will send re-

val. Our hearts are burdened. I come to you in desperation and plead from the bottom of my heart that you pray as you have never prayed for any event in your life. I am praying that our London campaign will be the most prayed-for event in history. Because of communication, more people will know about this campaign than probably any evangelistic campaign in the history of the church.

Next, we want you to write your friends in England. Many of you have friends all through England. We want you to write them and tell them about the meetings and urge them to attend. The meetings will be held at Harringay Arena in the northern part of the City of London, seating 12,000 people. People, we trust, will be coming from all over England.

Many people have asked, "How long will the meetings continue?" We do not know. Possibly six weeks . . . we are planning to stay in England about three months. A part of this time may be taken up in traveling across England. We

are not certain. We are going to be led by the Holy Spirit. The month of June will possibly be spent on the continent of Europe in about eight capitals of Western Europe, holding great outdoor mass meetings.

Our meetings in London will not be concentrated just in the evening meetings at Harringay Arena. We are taking a team of about twenty-five people. Meetings are being arranged all day long in every section of London, so that additional thousands will be reached with the gospel.

London is still the crossroads of the world. London is still the banking center of the world. London is still the city with the greatest newspapers in the world. London is still the city with more airlines operating in and out of London than any city in the world. We are praying that the cobblestones of London will ring with the shouts of thousands who will find Christ as their Saviour and Lord. Britain has had great spiritual revivals in the past.

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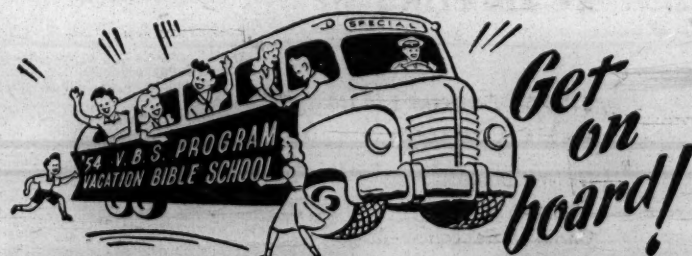
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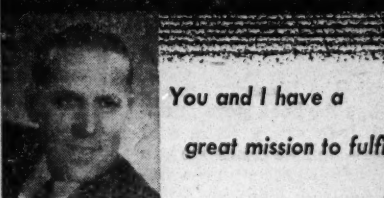
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The Lost Chord Found

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Something called her away, and when she returned to the organ, she had lost that chord divine. Though she longed for it and sought it, it was all in vain. It was a lost chord.

When ever I hear that story, it reminds me of the lost joy, the lost peace, the lost power, of which so many complain. At the beginning of their Christian life, near at hand, or right back in the past, it would seem as if they had struck the chord of a blessed and glorious life. As long as those notes lingered in their lives, they were like the days of Heaven upon earth, but alas! they died away soon into silence—and all their life is now filled with regret for the grace of days that are dead.

*Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
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Of Jesus and His Word?*

What peaceful hours I then enjoyed!

*How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void,
The world can never fill.*

These words are written to help all such, and to give them again the sweet lost chord. Take heart! you may again have all, and more than all that you have ever lost. You have flung your precious stones into the deep, there has been a moment's splash, a tiny ripple, and they have sunk down and down, apparently beyond hope of recovery. Yet the hand of Christ will again place them on your palm. Only henceforth, be wise enough to let Him keep them for you.

These are the steps back—steps you may take at once:

1. Be Sure That God Will Give You a Hearty Welcome

He is not an angry Judge. He has not given you up, or ceased to love you. He longs after you. His portrait is drawn by one who could not mislead us, who com-

pares Him to the Father of a loved and prodigal boy, ever watching from His windows the road by which the truant went, eagerly longing for his return, and ready, if He should see him a great way off, to run to meet him, and clasp him, rags and filth and all, to His yearning heart. That is thy God, my friend. Listen to His words, broken by sighs, "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within Me, My compassions are kindled."

Read the last chapter of the Book of Hosea, which may be well called the backsliders' gospel. Read the third chapter of Jeremiah, and let the plaintive pleadings to return soak into your spirit. Read the story of Peter's fall and restoration, and let your tears fall thick and fast on John 21, as you learn how delicately the Lord forgave, and how generously He entrusted the backslider with His sheep and His lambs.

Be sure that though your repeated failures and sins have worn out every one else, they have not exhausted the infinite love of God. He tells us to forgive our offending brother unto 490 times; how much oftener will He not forgive us? According to the height of Heaven above the earth, so great is His mercy. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." If you go back to God, you are sure of a hearty welcome.

2. Seek to Know and Confess Whatever Has Come Between God and You

You have lost the light of God's face, not because He has arbitrarily withdrawn it, but because your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins, like a cloud before the sun, have hid His face from you. Do not spend time by looking at them as a whole, deal with them one by one.

The Boer is a formidable foe to the British soldier, because he is trained from boyhood to take a definite aim and bring down his mark, whilst our soldiers fire in volleys. In dealing with sin, we should imitate him in the definiteness and accuracy of his aim. Ask God to search you and show you what wicked way is in you. Marshal all your life before Him, as Joshua marshalled Israel, sift it through, tribe by tribe, family by family, household by household, man by man, until at last you find the Achan who has robbed you of the blessed smile of God. Do not say: Lord, I am a great sinner, I have done what I ought not, I have not done what I ought. But say, Lord, I have sinned in this, and this, and that, and the other.

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right name, to receive sentence of death. Your heart is choked with sins; empty it out, as you would empty a box, by handing out first the articles that lie on the surface. When you have removed them, you will see more underneath; hand them out also. When these are removed, you will probably see some more. Never rest till all are gone. Confession is just this process of telling God the unvarnished story—the sad, sad story—of each accursed sin—how it began, how you sinfully permitted it to grow, how you have loved and followed it to your bitter cost.

3. Believe in God's Instant Forgiveness

How long does it take you to forgive your child, when you are sure that it is really sorry and repentant? Time is not considered in forgiveness. The estrangement of a lifetime, the wrongdoing of years, may be forgiven in the twinkling of an eye, in the time that a tear takes to form and fall. So is it with God. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us. He does sometimes keep up waiting for an answer to our prayers, but He never keeps us waiting one single second for an answer to our prayer for forgiveness. It is hardly possible for the prodigal to stammer out the words; "Father, I have sinned," before the answer flashes upon him: "I have put away thy sin, thou shalt not die."

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How Much Will It Cost?

For most young people the cost of attending a school is an important factor. I imagine that the excuse, "I can't afford to go to school," is used more often than any other. Fortunately, however, God has made it so no one need miss the best Christian education for this reason.

Several of the Bible institutes charge no tuition at all—the only cost being for board, room, and books. In fact, one fine school makes no charge at all, but selects its students very carefully. In education, like anything else, a person ought not to make cost his main deciding factor.

In general, the cost per semester (half-year) ranges from \$200 to a little over \$500. Most schools give this exact information in their catalogue.

You ought also to find out from the schools you are considering whether there are scholarships available to help some on expenses. One of the things that helped me through one year in college was some money that a godly woman had left in a scholarship fund. I received \$200 from the fund that year. Of course, scholarships are usually given only to students who work hard and get good grades. You could not count on scholarship help unless you are planning to be a really good student. Some schools also have a loan fund from which students can borrow, with the agreement to repay the money within a certain time after graduation.

But even if there were no scholarships or student loans available, any young person can work his way through school. It might take an extra year or mean going to summer school, but it would be well worth it. In my college experience the fellows and girls who were working their way through were also the ones getting the best training. They knew the value of each course because they had to pay for it. Therefore, they made their studies really count. One of the tragedies of the campus is to see a fellow or girl loaf his way through school, wasting time and money while getting very little education.

You can find out how much you can expect to earn by writing the registrar of most schools. They know what the job opportunities are in their area. Most schools have an employment bureau to help students find work after they arrive. Most schools use some of their students for dining hall work and other jobs around the campus. Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, New York, even has an industrial plant where light sub-assembly work is done by contract for factories. This gives the students an opportunity to make good wages while in school.

You probably ought to plan to have at least enough money on hand to cover one semester's expense before starting school. You will find that it takes a while to get used to college or institute life,

and you may not want to start working immediately.

College or Bible Institute?

Many young people have a problem with the decision, "Shall I attend a Bible institute or go to college?" Of course, the Lord will have to show you what He wants you to do about this matter. In general, a Bible institute offers more concentrated Bible study. A student coming out of most of our good Bible institutes has solid knowledge of the Scriptures to help him in his other work. At the same time, Bible institutes do not generally attempt to give the usual liberal arts courses along with the Bible institute training. I talked with a Bible institute graduate just recently who felt that after some twenty years in the pastorate, he really missed the liberal arts training and felt that his opportunities to reach college-trained people would have been greatly increased had he also had liberal arts college training.

In my case, I had only college training with no Bible institute help. I believe if I had it to do over again, I might plan to take two, or three years in a Bible institute, get well-grounded and based in my knowledge of the Scriptures, and then go to a liberal arts college. In this way I believe I would have been able to have done a better job in my college studies and been more quick to see what the Bible had to say about the college secular courses. Of course, most strong Christian colleges try to make certain every course is in accord with Scripture. In my opinion, there would be real advantage in having some strong Bible institute training first. If this is a problem in your own mind I suggest that you write to Moody Bible Institute, 820 North LaSalle Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, for a little folder they put out free called, "Should You Go to a Bible Institute?"

In summary, I believe that every Christian young man or woman ought to pray earnestly for God's wisdom about this important matter of selecting a Christian school to attend. God wants to show you what He has for you to do, and you ought to find out His will for your life. Then I suggest that you write for catalogues from as many Christian schools as possible. You may write to all of those who advertise in this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and know that the school has been checked thoroughly for reliability. We will not knowingly advertise any school where there is the slightest doubt about its trustworthiness and faithfulness to the Scriptures as the Word of God. I suggest that you also talk to those of your friends who have gone to various Christian schools. Ask them about school life, about opportunities for working, about the spiritual life of the school. Get a complete picture in your mind of all of these factors, and then prayerfully make your decision about where God wants you to get your training.

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4. Give Up the Cause of Past Failure

True repentance shows itself in eager care not to offend again. This care prompts the sinner to go back on his past life to discover how it was that he came to sin, and to avoid the cause. Is it a friendship? Then he will cut the tender cord, though it were the thread of his life. Is it an amusement? Then he will for ever absent himself from that place, those scenes, and that companionship. Is it a profitable means of making money? Then he will rather live on a crust, than follow it a moment longer. Is it a study, a pursuit, a book? Then he will rather lose hand, or foot, or eye, than miss the favour of God, which is life. Is it something that the Church permits? Nevertheless, to him it shall be sin.

If you cannot walk on ice without slipping or falling, it is better not to go on at all. If you cannot digest certain food, it is better not to put it in the mouth. It may seem impossible to extricate yourself from certain entanglements which have woven themselves about you. Nevertheless, remember Him who said, "Let my people go, that they may serve me." He cut the knot for them; if you trust Him, He will cut it for you. Or if He does not cut it at a single blow, He will untie it by the patient workings of His providence.

5. Take Any Public Step That May Be Necessary

It is not enough to confess to God; you must also confess to man, supposing that you have sinned against him. Leave your gift at the altar and go to be reconciled to thy brother. If you have done him a wrong, go and tell him so. If you have defrauded him, whether he knows or not, send him the amount you have taken or kept back, and add to it something to compensate him for his loss.

Under the Levitical law it was enacted that the delinquent should restore that which he took violently away, or that about which he had dealt falsely, and should add one-fifth part thereto, and only then might he come with his trespass offering to the priest, and be forgiven.

This principle holds good today. You never will be happy till you have made restitution. Write the letter or make the call at once. And if the one whom you defrauded is no longer alive, then make the debt right with his heirs and representatives. You must roll away this stone from the grave, or the dead joy can never arise, however loudly you may call it to come forth. I do not believe in a repentance which is not noble enough to make amends for the past, so far as they may lie within its reach.

6. Give Your Whole Heart Once and for Ever to God

You may have done it before, but do it again. You may never have done it, then do it for the first time. Kneel down and give yourself, your life, your interests, your all to God. Lay the sacrifice on the altar. If you cannot give, then ask God to come and take. Tell Him that you wish to be only, always, all for Him.

We might well hesitate to give the glorious Lord such a handful of withered leaves, if He had not expressly asked us each to give him our heart. It is very wonderful; but He would not make such a request if He did not really mean it. No doubt He can make something out of our poor nature. A vessel for His use. A weapon for His hand. A receptacle for His glory. A crown for His brow.

7. Trust God to Keep You in All the Future

The old version used to tell us that He was able to keep us from falling. The new version, giving a closer rendering of the Greek, tells us that He is able to guard us from stumbling. So He can. So He will. But we must trust Him. Moment by moment we must look into His face, and say, "Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe; keep me as the apple of Thine eye; hide me under the shadow of Thy wings." He will never fail thee. He will never fail thee nor forsake thee. He will give His angels charge to keep thee in all thy ways. He will cover thee with his feathers, and under His wing thou shalt trust.

But you say, I fail to look at the moment of temptation. Then do this. Ask the Holy Spirit, whose office it is to bring all things to our remembrance, that He would remind you to look off to Jesus, when you are in danger. Entrust yourself each morning in-

to His hands. Look to Him to keep you looking. Trust in Him to keep you trusting. Do not look at your difficulties or weaknesses. Do not keep thinking that you will some day fall again. Go through life, whispering, saying, singing, a thousand times a day, *Jesus saves me now.*

A friend once told me that she had been kept from backsliding thus:—She always took time at night to consider quietly in the presence of God, where she had lost ground during the day, and if she felt that she had done so, she never slept until she had asked to be forgiven and restored. 'Tis a good expedient, dear reader, for thee and me. Let us repair the little rift within the lute, lest by-and-by it spread and make our music mute, and slowly widening, silence all.

If these directions are followed, the lost chord will be no longer lost, nor shall we have to wait until God's great Angel sounds it, but it will ring in our heart, and make sweet music in our life.

And not only so, but as that chord sounds again in our heart, it will attune our life to accord with these sublime, heavenly notes which are ever vibrating and thrilling around us. We shall translate it into the commonest actions of our lives. All things will fall into step with that marching music, and we shall know what the Apostle meant by saying that our lives may become "God's Poem." (Eph. 2:10, Greek.)

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The Hour Is Come

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never one, never a single one, who ever regretted his decision. Our only regret was that we did not decide sooner. And among the millions who faced the hour of decision and chose wrongly there is not one of them, who, languishing in the lost world, does not bitterly regret having said no to God.

If I had a brother of mine unsaved, and he had come to hear me preach; and if I knew I would never have another chance to preach to him again, it was now or never, I have asked myself—What kind of sermon would I preach to him? What plea would I make? What arguments would I use to win my own blood-brother to Christ? This message of mine is the answer.

I say to the unsaved men and women in this audience that the hour is come for you to face the greatest question you will ever face—the salvation of your soul, your relation to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The time is come for you to end all intellectual dishonesty, all moral cowardice, and without evasion or further delay, face squarely the fact of where you are going to spend the everlasting future.

I give you several plain, practical, compelling reasons why you should this hour accept Christ and start with those of us who are saved on the highway to eternal glory.

First of all, the hour is come for you to consider:

The Value of Your Soul

Your soul, my friend, is you, you yourself. Your soul is not some entity connected with you, like your heart, or arm, or leg. Man is not a body that has a soul in it. Man is a soul who lives in a body. Your soul, you, can live outside of the body. Your body is not you, your soul is you.

This soul of yours, you yourself, shall live forever. Your soul is your greatest possession. That is why Christ said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). Jesus Christ, incarnate God, died to save you from the present power and future penalty of sin. God valued your soul so highly that He gave His only Son to die that you might be saved.

Now what are you doing about the salvation of your soul for which Christ died and that will

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The Summons

Are you ready, dear friend, for the summons?

Soon it may come to your door:

Remember 'tis only a heart beat—

A heart beat to eternity's shore.

How oft' in the past you've determined

Some day your sins to unload;

Yet still no nearer Heaven—

Just nearer the end of the road.

A decision you now are making

To continue the sinful way,

Or turn to a loving Saviour

And live through eternal day.

To a friend I spoke of salvation

And was shocked to hear him exclaim:

"All these years I've served the old Devil,

I'll not deny him the few that remain!"

The Lord must have heard and decided

No longer this soul needed breath,

A few days and he lay in his casket

Wrapt in the shroud of death.

Though years it may be in the coming,

Or only a heart beat away,

Are you ready, dear friend, for the summons

Should it come to your door today?

—Floyd A. Cantwell

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live forever? Suppose that on your way home from this meeting you should see a house on fire, and running over and looking through a ground floor bedroom window, you saw a baby asleep in a cradle. The flames are licking along the wall toward the cradle and in a minute that infant will be wrapped in flames. Suppose you saw the mother of that babe down on her hands and knees on the floor carefully gathering up pins! She has dropped some pins on the floor—you can buy a hundred for a nickel—and is slowly and carefully gathering them up. If you saw that, what would you know? You would know that in the excitement of the fire, that mother's mind had suddenly become deranged. No sane mother would

gather pins while her baby's life was in danger.

Oh, man and woman unsaved, you are like that mother. You gather pins while your babe is dying. You are concerned and anxious over the trifles of earth while your soul is in danger of the eternal burning. Surely, surely, the hour is come for you to stop this insane gathering of pins and consider the value and destiny of your never-dying soul.

Moreover, the time is come for you to see that:

Ingratitude to God Is a Grievous Sin

God, my dear friend, is the giver and sustainer of life, as well as the redeemer of your soul. You and I belong to Him by a three-fold right of creation, preservation, and redemption. He created you, you will admit that. He daily preserves you. And through the death of the cross He is able to justly forgive your sins.

Paul, in Romans 1, lays this indictment against the pagan world of his day, "Because that, when

they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful." My friend, is that you? You know there is a God. Do you glorify Him? Do you confess before men that you believe in God, and are thankful to Him for what you are and have? Do you love, honor, and obey God? You are here before me in vigor of body and mind. God could have put His finger upon you and made you a helpless invalid for life, but He did it not. Have you thanked Him for that? God could have ordained that you be born, not in this land of liberty and plenty, but as a naked savage in Africa, or as a despised untouchable of India, but He did it not. Are you thankful for that? Nineteen hundred years ago God in a human body died on a dreadful cross for your sins, taking your punishment that you might go free. Have you thanked God for that? Imagine a man knowing that Christ died for him, yet he has never thanked Him for it!

*"Blow, blow, thou Winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude."*

Imagine the mighty God dying for a puny man, yet that man is not grateful to his God. Oh, what sin, what grievous sin! The hour is come for you to end such base ingratitude.

But further, the hour is come to turn to God:

Lest You Miss the Joy of Living Forever in God's Heaven

In less than one hundred years from now every person before me will be gone from this earth. If we are saved, we go to the wonderful place God has prepared for us in the Eternal City called Heaven.

What a glorious place it will be with all the saved people who ever lived assembled there. What a magnificent new world it will be with all sorrow and sickness, all misery and want, all wars and bloodshed done away with. There are some very beautiful parts of this world, but in Heaven it is all beautiful, beautiful beyond our fondest dreams. It passes human language to describe it, and human understanding to comprehend its glories.

And the joys of eternal life in Heaven will be far, far beyond the joys we know in this poor, limited world. Said the great Dr. R. A. Torrey, "Do you ask me what eternal life means? I cannot tell you. I can tell you what its beginnings are, for thank God, I have them in my own heart tonight. But what eternal life means in all its fullness, in all its eternal outworkings, no human language can describe, and no human fancy can conceive. I will tell you what to do. Take that moment of your life whose joy was purest, deepest, highest, holiest, divinest, multiply it by infinity, and carry it out to all eternity, and you will have some faint conception of what eternal life means."

I ask you, dear friend unsaved, are you willing to live and die and never see and know God's glorious Heaven? I'm not. I don't intend to miss the greatest sight human eyes shall ever look upon.

Once again, you should decide for Christ now:

Because You Will Certainly Stand Before God on the Day of Judgment

On the headlines of a city newspaper I read these words, "Cleveland Butcher Ends His Life." It was not true! He never did! That man is as much alive today as he ever was. He left this world, but he did not end his life.

Listen to God's Word on that matter. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Take that first part, "once to die." I declare these words to be an undeniable fact. Our empty chairs, cemeteries, graves and tombstones prove them to be true. Men must die. Now is that all? Listen, "But after this the judgment." That, you see, is an appointment every man will have to keep. That is a meeting every unbeliever will have to attend. Men will find that closing their eyes in death does not get them out of God's hands.

I have thrilling news, however, for those not now ready to meet God. In Revelation 20 we read,

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened.... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books." That means as surely as men have lived and died, so surely will they stand before that judgment throne unless they seek God's salvation. But, thank God, there is one way to escape that judgment. Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Think of that—Shall not come into judgment. Would you not wish God would say that of you? Don't you agree with me that the hour is come for you to be saved and so escape the judgment of God?

I urge you further to decide for Christ because:

Hell Awaits Every Unbeliever

Let me assure you I would rather draw you to Christ by declaring the love of God, than drive you to Him by preaching God's wrath. But, my friend, what does it matter whether you are drawn or driven as long as you come and are saved? If you are driven by fear, you will soon love Him once you come.

And what is wrong with fear as a motive for doing what is wise and right? We read, "Noah, moved with fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his house." Wasn't he a wise man? Did he not by fear save himself and his family? Those who did not fear died in the flood. Men scoff at Hell, they use it as a swear word, they laugh at Christians who believe in it, but they won't be five minutes in Hell themselves before they will believe it.

Did you know that Captain Smith on the maiden voyage of the supposed unsinkable Titanic, while walking the deck one evening, was handed a radio report warning of icebergs in the path of his ship? He was not moved with fear to slacken speed, but calmly put the report in his pocket, and resumed his walk while the great ship at full speed crashed into an iceberg, and 1,490 people, the captain among them, died in the icy waters!

Did you know that on the morning of Pearl Harbor, Sargeant Joseph Lockhart, sitting at a radar screen, detected the approach of a large group of enemy planes and alerted his superior officer? That officer refused to be moved with fear and told Lockhart to forget it. He insisted they could only be American planes, and that morning nearly three thousand of America's sons were slaughtered like sheep because that officer would not be moved with fear.

What can I say to you, dear friend, concerning Hell, so that you will see its awful reality? Men will live forever after they leave this earth. There are only two places where they can go. The unsaved cannot go to Heaven with their sin, or it would cease to be Heaven. Do you want God to open Heaven to all the unrepentant wicked who ever lived—cutthroats, thieves, harlots, drunkards, blasphemers, murderers, sexual perverts? It would soon cease to be Heaven. God has said, "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination"

(Rev. 21:27). There are human monsters who have cursed the earth with their moral filth, their fiendish cruelty, their gruesome murders and died unrepentant, unsaved. They shall never be allowed to defile Heaven with their presence. God, therefore, will banish them from His holy, happy Heaven, and that place of banishment and torment is Hell.

Oh, what a fearful place Hell must be! To spend eternity in the place where Christ said, "Their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." No wonder the prophet cried, "Oh that they were wise... that they would consider their latter end!" (Deut. 32:29). I am sure that someone here is ready to say, "The hour is come for me to be saved, lest I spend eternity in Hell."

I come gladly to another consideration, it is this:

Satan's Power Over Your Life Can Be Broken

There are two forces striving for the mastery of your soul, Satan and the Saviour. Hitherto you have let the world, the flesh, and the Devil keep you from Christ. You know you are a lost sinner, bound for Hell. We Christians have escaped Satan's bondage, but until this hour you have remained under his spell. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters." You are either serving God or Satan. Whether you suspect it or not, it is Satan's power that has hitherto kept you from God.

Now, my friend, that power in your life can be broken this very hour if you will to be saved. All the demons in Hell or on the way there cannot keep you from Christ if you really want to come. Greater is He that is for us than he that is against us. You have the power of choice, and if you really will to be saved, and call Christ to your aid, the spell of sin and Satan over your life will be broken and you will be a free and a saved man.

A friend of Dr. Bob Jones told him this story: When he was a boy up in Maryland, one day he was out in a briar field. He said, "I heard a bird scream. I never heard such a cry from the throat of a bird in my life. I looked around to see where it was. The bird was flying in a funnel-shaped circle. The circle got smaller and smaller the nearer the bird got to the earth. That bird had every feather ruffled. The nearer the ground it got, the faster it was flying. The bird seemed to be saying, 'Help me! Help me! Help me! Help me! Help me! I want help!'" The man said, "I didn't know what was the matter. So I went over there, and in a

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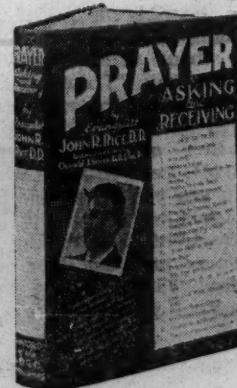
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briar patch was a great big snake. It had its mouth open. The bird was coming down and couldn't get away. It flew faster and faster. The circle got smaller and smaller. It cried louder and louder. It begged for help. Just as quick as a flash, I picked up a great big rock, went over and hit that snake on the head, broke the spell, and the bird flew up toward the sky singing, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

There are thousands of people being hypnotized by Satan today. They are held captive by sinful habits in which Satan has trapped them. They are imprisoned by circumstances from which they seem helpless to escape. They want to be saved but they have never exercised their will to call on God for help. When they do so, God will come to their aid. The seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent. God waits this very hour to break the spell of Satan on your life.

But again, the hour is come for you to realize:

The Uncertainty of Life

The Poet says,

*Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the
North wind's breath:
But all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine
own, O Death.*

How true. How unexpectedly death often comes. What madness then for men unsaved to gamble with their souls' destiny in face of the uncertainty of life.

I am told that over in France they do not tell a man condemned to the guillotine the hour when he will die. It may be days or weeks, or months—he does not know. Picture the man sleeping peacefully in his cell. He smiles in his sleep. He is dreaming of his childhood days. He is a boy again, playing happily in the fields. He sees a lovely butterfly alight upon a flower. He reaches out to catch it. Suddenly a heavy hand is laid upon his shoulder. The man starts up in bed. Strong men stand before him. Cold beads of perspiration stand upon his brow. The executioner says, "Your hour is come. Follow me." It is terrifying, this unexpectedness of death; yet that is the possibility facing every unsaved man and woman listening to me now.

When we preachers are preaching on the brevity of life, we know that some of our hearers are saying to themselves, "How absurd. How unlikely that I will soon die. What a feeble argument to move a man like me to God." But, my friend, death won't consult you about the time of your decease. Death won't wait your convenience before he calls.

After a sermon at a young people's rally in Toronto, I began

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to pray. I asked God to help men and women, young and old, to decide for Christ right then and there while yet there was time. I asked Him to help them not to defer the matter until a more convenient season since it might never come. As I prayed, I was aware of a slight noise in the front pew right before the pulpit. By the time I had closed that prayer, a soul had passed by sudden death into eternity!

Let me repeat it—Death won't consult you as to when he will call.

Evangelist William A. Sunday describes it something like this:

One day there will come a knock on your door. You will ask, "Who is there?"

A voice will say, "I am Death."

You will say, "Death, I did not send for you."

Death will reply, "No, nobody sends for me. If I came only when I was sent for, I would seldom come."

"But, oh, Death, I am not ready."

Death will answer, "What, not ready? After all those sermons? After all those prayers offered for you?"

"No, Death, I am not ready. Oh, Death, take my money, take my bank book, take my home, take all I have, but don't take me."

And Death will say, "I have come for you. I have held a mortgage on your soul for twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years, and I have come to foreclose."

And you will say, "Oh, Death, if I must go, give me a year to get ready; give me a month; give me a week."

Death will reply, "I'll give you a minute, thirty seconds, twenty, ten. I'll count them for you—one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten!"

Oh, hush that footstep. Pull down those blinds. Let the tears fall. He's gone!

You're gone! My friend, I ask you in God's name, where?

I make still another plea:

The Coming of Christ, Possible At Any Moment, Calls for Your Immediate Decision

It is a fact wholly beyond dispute that Jesus Christ is coming back a second time to this earth. Three hundred and eighty-five times in the Bible, and in the plainest language known to mortals, we are told that Christ will return. The two angels at His ascension said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Jesus Himself had said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again" (John 14:3).

Now, while the fact is certain, the time is uncertain. He may come for His own at any moment. His own words are these—"The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40). That hour is known only to God, and when the hour arrives, and the clock strikes in Heaven, Christ will suddenly come.

That hour, my unsaved friend, will end your chance to be saved, for Jesus said, "When once the master of the house hath risen up and shut to the door, they who knock will knock in vain." A minute ago when I spoke of sudden death as possible for you, you smiled within yourself. You are in full health, and you are reasonably sure death will not come to you this hour. Possibly not; I might say, Probably not. But can you say that about Christ's sudden coming? You say, "I don't think He will come at this hour." Listen, "...in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). Bear with me when I ask you, are you ready for His coming? Jesus said, "...they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut" (Matt. 25:10). When that door is shut will you be on the outside?

*Someone will knock when the door is shut,
Bye and bye, bye and bye.
Hear a voice saying, 'I know you not'—
Shall you? Shall I?*

Oh, in the light of Christ's at-any-moment coming, I plead with you to make this hour, the hour of your salvation.

I am trying, with God's help, to make it hard for you to say no to God, and easy to say yes. Hear me then, when I say further:

There is a Deadline Beyond Which You May Never Be Saved

The stern facts of life prove that if men and women continue to resist God's Spirit, He will remove His Spirit from them. It is clearly stated in Scripture, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3). God will strive up to a certain moment. But one day, one fatal hour, one tragic moment, when a sinner is saying, "Go, Spirit, go thy way; some more convenient day on Thee I'll call," God will take that man's refusal as his final answer, and will leave him; the Spirit will cease His striving, His pleading, His entreaty, and that man will be a sinner let alone. And when God decides to let a man alone, that man might as well brace himself against the terrors of the judgment day, for though he might live twenty or thirty years after that, he would be as doomed as though he had already entered the gates of darkness and of Hell.

Dear friend unsaved, how do you know that this blessed hour of opportunity may not be the hour that seals your destiny? How do you know whether the Spirit of God is not giving you, in this very hour, the last call you will ever have?

I have one final plea to make. There are men and women and young people before me almost persuaded to become Christians. You are not far from the kingdom of God. One more step and you will be inside. My last word is to warn you of

The Peril of Delay

This may not be the first time you have been near to the kingdom. Indeed you may have made some decision in past years but no change happened in your life to

confirm it. So now you are afraid to step out again. You hold back for some reason or other. With all my heart I urge you to let nothing keep you back tonight. The hour of decision is come for you. God waits to fill your life with power, and hope, and joy. You will never regret your decision to make this the greatest moment of your life. God is now ready; but Satan, who is at your ear as well as God, will tell you to wait, to delay decision. And if you listen to him, this golden hour of opportunity will pass never to return, and you will go out of that door to become the murderer of your soul. The verdict upon your crime will be—Destroyed through indecision! Murdered by delay!

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Do not then, for your soul's sake, linger longer. God has set before you an open door. Others all around you are turning to Christ. Thousands all over America in these troubled, challenging days are entering the door of salvation and finding in Christ the true joy and meaning of life. Step out for Christ tonight, and enter that door with them. Hold back and your hour of opportunity may never return.

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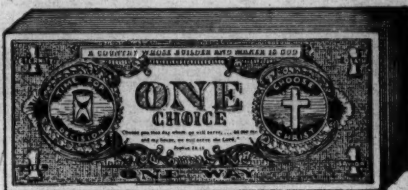
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